



**Confirmation No.: 4178**

This paper is submitted in response to the *Office Action* mailed July 3, 2003, for which the response date has been extended three (3) months to January 5, 2004 (the first business day following January 3, 2004) by the accompanying *Petition for Extension of Time*. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of **\$475.00** (for a small entity) to Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. **22-0365/ECO530/4-2DIVUS/RCF**. No additional fee is believed due. If, however, a fee is required for consideration of this response or entry of the following *Amendment and Response* and remarks, the Director is authorized to charge any required fee to Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. **22-0365/ECO530/4-2DIVUS/RCF**.